

PUBLIC OFFICERS' WELFARE COUNCIL
BADMINTON TOURNAMENTS 2016
(KNOCK-OUT SYSTEM)

Rules and Regulations

1. The Tournaments shall be open solely to public officers and known as the Civil Service Men Badminton Tournament and Civil Service Ladies Badminton Tournament.
2. The Tournaments will be played on a **Knock-Out System** and shall be governed by the rules and regulations of the Mauritius Badminton Association and Badminton World Federation.
3. All decisions in regard to planning, organisation, execution and the award of trophies and prizes will rest with the Sports Committee of the Public Officers Welfare Council, hereafter referred to as the Committee.
4. **Each player must be in possession of a valid license issued by the Council, which shall indicate his/her name, posting and other relevant particulars. Players failing to produce their licenses will not be allowed to play.**
5. **MBA licensed players**

Players who have been training at National level during the years 2015 and 2016 will not be eligible to participate in the tournament.
6. Once the tournament has started no changes in the composition of the team shall be allowed.
7. Each Team Manager shall produce to the Organising Committee, the list of players, singles and doubles in ranking order (order of strength). This shall indicate the relevant particulars of the Manager, the Coach and the players.
8. Matches will be played on team-to-team basis. Each team shall play five matches (3 singles and two doubles). Each player can play a maximum of two matches, that is, one single and one double. Participants playing singles matches cannot play together in doubles matches.
9. During the knock out phase, the tie will be decided on best of five matches.
10. The matches shall, as far as possible, be conducted in accordance with the fixtures established by the Committee.
11. The matches shall be officiated by Officials appointed by the Mauritius Badminton Association. The decision of the Referee shall be final and binding. Any misconduct shall be reported to the Committee, which will consider the need for appropriate action.

12. All protests in relation to any aspect of the tournaments shall be lodged in writing to the Organising Secretary of the Council within 48 hours after the end of the match. A refundable fee of Rs 500 is required to enter a protest. This sum will not be refunded if protests are on unreasonable/flimsy grounds. Parties shall have the right to a hearing before the Committee whose decision shall be final and binding.
13. All protests relative to a match shall be lodged to the Referee who shall adjudicate upon them.
14. Any team that does not report to the referee on the venue at least 30 minutes after the scheduled time shall be deemed to have lost the match by walk-over. It may be liable to disciplinary action and will not be entitled to any financial assistance granted by the Public Officers' Welfare Council.
15. The shuttle to be used during the Tournament shall be **Yonex Mavis 500 GREEN**.
16. Any team or any player that leaves the court before a match ends shall be liable to disciplinary action.
17. Any team that withdraws from the tournament without valid reasons shall forfeit all its acquired results. It may have to account to the Committee for any financial and other assistance from which it has benefitted. The team will not be entitled to any financial assistance granted by the Public Officers' Welfare Council.
18. All teams should ensure that all their participants are physically fit to participate in the competition.
19. The Committee will not be liable for any injuries sustained by any player during training sessions.
20. An insurance cover is provided by SICOM for injuries during official matches only. However, the following conditions apply:
 - The injured player/Manager /Coach must immediately report the case to the Referee;
 - The Referee must report the case to the Organising Secretary of the POWC; and
 - A medical certificate, a photocopy of a recent payslip and an accident report form (available at the POWC) should be filled in and submitted to the Organising Secretary of the Council within one month.
21. The Committee shall reserve the right to propose any amendment to the present rules and regulations that might be necessary in the best interest of the Tournaments.